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1 1-2. (canceled)

1 3. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 2
2 14, wherein said pair of extension members of said
3 attaching portion are mirror images of each other;
4 wherein said pair of extension members of said attaching
5 portion are vertically-oriented;
6 wherein said pair of extension members of said attaching
7 portion are spaced-apart from each other;
8 wherein said pair of extension members of said attaching
9 portion lie in the same plane;
10 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
11 members of said attaching portion is rod-like;
12 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
13 members of said attaching portion is slender; and
14 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
15 members of said attaching portion is elongated.

1 4. (canceled)

1 5. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4
2 14, wherein said upper portion of each extension member
3 of said pair of extension members of said attaching
4 portion depends from said uppermost end of an associated
5 extension member of said pair of extension members of
6 said attaching portion to a first transition point.

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1 6. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4
2 14, wherein said upper portion of each extension member
3 of said pair of extension members of said attaching
4 portion is straight; and
5 wherein said upper portion of each extension member of
6 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
7 is parallel to the other.

1 7. (original) The holster as defined in claim 5, wherein
2 said intermediate portion of each extension member of
3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
4 depends sidewardly outwardly from said first transition
5 point of said upper portion of an associated extension
6 member of said pair of extension members of said
7 attaching portion to a second transition point.

1 8. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4
2 14, wherein said intermediate portion of each extension
3 member of said pair of extension members of said
4 attaching portion is continuous with said upper portion
5 of an associated extension member of said pair of
6 extension members of said attaching portion so as to
7 allow said intermediate portion of each extension member
8 of said pair of extension members of said attaching
9 portion to be one-piece with said upper portion of said
10 associated extension member of said pair of extension
11 members of said attaching portion.

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1 9. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4
2 14, wherein said intermediate portion of each extension
3 member of said pair of extension members of said
4 attaching portion is straight.

1 10. (original) The holster as defined in claim 7, wherein
2 said lower portion of each extension member of said pair
3 of extension members of said attaching portion depends
4 from said second transition point of said intermediate
5 portion of an associated extension member of said pair
6 of extension members of said attaching portion to said
7 lowermost end of said associated extension member of said
8 pair of extension members of said attaching portion.

1 11. (original) The holster as defined in claim 7, wherein
2 said lower portion of each extension member of said pair
3 of extension members of said attaching portion is
4 continuous with said intermediate portion of an
5 associated extension member of said pair of extension
6 members of said attaching portion so as to allow said
7 lower portion of each extension member of said pair of
8 extension members of said attaching portion to be one-
9 piece with said intermediate portion of said associated
10 extension member of said pair of extension members of
11 said attaching portion.

1 12. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4
2 14, wherein said lower portion of each said member of

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3 said pair of said members of said attaching portion is
4 straight;
5 wherein said lower portion of each extension member of
6 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
7 is parallel to the other;
8 wherein said lower portion of each extension member of
9 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
10 is outboard of said upper portion of an associated
11 extension member of said pair of extension members of
12 said attaching portion; and
13 wherein said lower portion of each extension member of
14 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
15 is parallel to said upper portion of said associated
16 extension member of said pair of extension members of
17 said attaching portion.

1 13. (canceled)

1 14. (currently amended) ~~The holster as defined in claim 13,~~
2 A holster for attaching to an leg of a user and holding
3 a hammer, wherein the hammer has a handle and a head, and
4 wherein the head of the hammer extends transversely from
5 the handle of the hammer so as to form a general T-shape,
6 said holster comprising:
7 a) an attaching portion; and
8 b) a holding portion;
9 wherein said attaching portion is for replaceably
10 attaching to the leg of the user;

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11 wherein said holding portion extends from said attaching
 12 portion; wherein said holding portion is for replaceably
 13 holding the hammer in a position which provides complete
 14 freedom of movement of hands and feet of the user and
 15 which permits the user to remove the hammer with the same
 16 hand employed to use the hammer, wherein said attaching
 17 portion comprises a pair of extension members;
 18 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
 19 members of said attaching portion has a lowermost end;
 20 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
 21 members of said attaching portion has an uppermost end;
 22 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
 23 members of said attaching portion has an upper portion;
 24 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
 25 members of said attaching portion has an intermediate
 26 portion;
 27 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
 28 members of said attaching portion has a lower portion;
 29 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
 30 members of said attaching portion has an upper loop;
 31 wherein each extension member of said pair of extension
 32 members of said attaching portion has a lower loop;
 33 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said
 34 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
 35 disposed at said uppermost end of an associated extension
 36 member of said pair of extension members of said
 37 attaching portion;
 38 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said
 39 pair of extension members of said attaching portion

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40 extends forwardly from said uppermost end of said
 41 associated extension member of said pair of extension
 42 members of said attaching portion, away from the leg of
 43 the user for comfort;
 44 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said
 45 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
 46 for receiving an upper strap; and
 47 wherein the upper strap is for strapping around the leg
 48 of the user.

15. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~
14, wherein said upper loop of each extension member of
 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
 is identical to the other;
 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said
 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
 vertically-oriented;
 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said
 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
 spaced-apart from the other;
 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said
 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
 parallel to the other; and
 wherein said upper loop of each extension member of said
 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
 aligned with the other.

1 16. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~
 2 14, wherein said upper loop of each extension member of

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3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
4 is formed by an upper member; and
5 wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each
6 extension member of said pair of extension members of
7 said attaching portion is attached to said uppermost end
8 of an associated extension member of said pair of
9 extension members of said attaching portion.

1 17. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 16
2 14, wherein said upper extension member of said upper
3 loop of each extension member of said pair of extension
4 members of said attaching portion is welded to said
5 uppermost end of an associated extension member of said
6 pair of extension members of said attaching portion.

1 18. (original) The holster as defined in claim 16, wherein
2 said upper member of said upper loop of each extension
3 member of said pair of extension members of said
4 attaching portion is arcuate-shaped;
5 wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each
6 extension member of said pair of extension members of
7 said attaching portion is vertically-oriented;
8 wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each
9 extension member of said pair of extension members of
10 said attaching portion is spaced-apart from the other;
11 and
12 wherein said upper member of said upper loop of each
13 extension member of said pair of extension members of
14 said attaching portion is parallel to the other.

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1 19. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~
2 14, wherein said lower loop of each extension member of
3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
4 is disposed at said lowermost end of an associated
5 extension member of said pair of extension members of
6 said attaching portion;
7 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said
8 pair of extension members of said attaching portion
9 extends rearwardly from said lowermost end of said
10 associated extension member of said pair of extension
11 members of said attaching portion, towards the leg of the
12 user ~~13~~ for spacing to compensate for the depending taper
13 of the leg of the user;
14 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said
15 pair of members of said attaching portion is for
16 receiving a lower strap; and
17 wherein the lower strap is for strapping around the leg
18 of the user.

1 20. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~
2 14, wherein said lower loop of each extension member of
3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
4 is identical to the other;
5 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said
6 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
7 vertically-oriented;
8 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said
9 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
10 spaced-apart from the other;

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11 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said
12 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
13 parallel to the other; and
14 wherein said lower loop of each extension member of said
15 pair of extension members of said attaching portion is
16 aligned with the other.

1 21. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~
2 14, wherein said lower loop of each extension member of
3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
4 is formed by a lower member; and
5 wherein said lower member is attached to said lowermost
6 end of an associated extension member of said pair of
7 extension members of said attaching portion.

1 22. (original) The holster as defined in claim 21, wherein
2 said lower member of said lower loop of each extension
3 member of said pair of extension members of said
4 attaching portion is welded to said lowermost end of an
5 associated extension member of said pair of extension
6 members of said attaching portion.

1 23. (original) The holster as defined in claim 21, wherein
2 said lower loop of each extension member of said pair of
3 extension members of said attaching portion is generally
4 square-shaped;
5 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each
6 extension member of said pair of extension members of
7 said attaching portion is straight;

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8 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each
 9 extension member of said pair of extension members of
 10 said attaching portion is vertically-oriented;
 11 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each
 12 extension member of said pair of extension members of
 13 said attaching portion is spaced-apart from the other;
 14 and
 15 wherein said lower member of said lower loop of each
 16 extension member of said pair of extension members of
 17 said attaching portion is parallel to the other.

1 24. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~
 2 14, wherein said lower loop of each extension member of
 3 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
 4 is wider than said loop of an associated extension member
 5 of said pair of extension members of said attaching
 6 portion.

1 25. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim ~~13~~
 2 14, wherein said attaching portion comprises a cross
 3 member; and
 4 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion
 5 extends from said lower loop of one extension member of
 6 said pair of extension members of said attaching portion
 7 to said lower loop of the other extension member of said
 8 pair of extension members of said attaching portion.

1 26. (original) The holster as defined in claim 25, wherein
 2 said cross member of said attaching portion is rod-like;

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3 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion is
4 slender;
5 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion is
6 elongated; and
7 wherein said cross member of said attaching portion arcs
8 for conforming to the leg of the user.

1 27. (currently amended) The holster as defined in claim 4
2 14, wherein said holding portion comprises a pair of
3 segment members; and
4 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding
5 portion are for holding the head of the hammer.

1 28. (original) The holster as defined in claim 27, wherein
2 said pair of segment members of said holding portion are
3 mirror images of each other;
4 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding
5 portion are vertically-oriented;
6 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding
7 portion are spaced-apart from each other;
8 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment
9 members of said holding portion is rod-like;
10 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment
11 members of said holding portion is slender; and
12 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment
13 members of said holding portion is elongated.

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1 29. (original) The holster as defined in claim 27, wherein
2 each segment member of said pair of segment members of
3 said holding portion has a forwardmost end;
4 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment
5 members of said holding portion has a rear portion;
6 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment
7 members of said holding portion has a lower portion; and
8 wherein each segment member of said pair of segment
9 members of said holding portion has a forward portion.

1 30. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein
2 said rear portion of each segment member of said pair of
3 segment members of said holding portion depends forwardly
4 from said lowermost end of an associated extension member
5 of said pair of extension members of said attaching
6 portion to a first transition point.

1 31. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein
2 said rear portion of each segment member of said pair of
3 segment members of said holding portion is straight; and
4 wherein said rear portion of each segment member of said
5 pair of segment members of said holding portion is
6 parallel to the other.

1 32. (original) The holster as defined in claim 30, wherein
2 said lower portion of each segment member of said pair
3 of segment members of said holding portion extends
4 forwardly, upwardly, and inwardly from said first
5 transition point of said rear portion of an associated

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6 segment member of said pair of segment members of said
7 holding portion to a second transition point.

1 33. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein
2 said lower portion of each segment member of said pair
3 of segment members of said holding portion is continuous
4 with said rear portion of an associated segment member
5 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion
6 so as to allow said lower portion of each segment member
7 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion
8 to be one-piece with said rear portion of said associated
9 segment member of said pair of segment members of said
10 holding portion.

1 34. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein
2 said lower portion of each segment member of said pair
3 of segment members of said holding portion is straight;
4 and
5 wherein said lower portion of each segment member of said
6 pair of segment members of said holding portion converges
7 towards the other.

1 35. (original) The holster as defined in claim 32, wherein
2 said forward portion of each segment member of said pair
3 of segment members of said holding portion extends
4 upwardly and inwardly from said second transition point
5 of said lower portion of an associated segment member of
6 said pair of segment members of said holding portion to

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7 said forwardmost end of said associated segment member
8 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion.

1 36. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein
2 said forward portion of each segment member of said pair
3 of segment members of said holding portion is continuous
4 with said lower portion of an associated segment member
5 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion
6 so as to allow said forward portion of each segment
7 member of said pair of segment members of said holding
8 portion to be one-piece with said lower portion of said
9 associated segment member of said pair of segment members
10 of said holding portion.

1 37. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein
2 said forward portion of each segment member of said pair
3 of segment members of said holding portion is straight;
4 wherein said forward portion of each segment member of
5 said pair of segment members of said holding portion
6 converges towards the other;
7 wherein said forward portion of each segment member of
8 said pair of segment members of said holding portion is
9 inboard of said rear portion of an associated segment
10 member of said pair of segment members of said holding
11 portion; and
12 wherein said forward portion of each segment member of
13 said pair of segment members of said holding portion lies
14 in a general parallel plane to said rear portion of an

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15 associated segment member of said pair of segment members
16 of said holding portion.

1 38. (original) The holster as defined in claim 29, wherein
2 said holding portion comprises a connecting member;
3 wherein said connecting member of said holding portion
4 extends from said forwardmost end of one segment member
5 of said pair of segment members of said holding portion
6 to said forwardmost end of the other segment member of
7 said pair of segment members of said holding portion; and
8 wherein said connecting member of said holding portion
9 extends forwardly from said forwardmost end of each
10 segment member of said pair of segment members of said
11 holding portion.

1 39. (original) The holster as defined in claim 38, wherein
2 said connecting member of said holding portion is
3 continuous with said forward portion of each segment
4 member of said pair of segment members of said holding
5 portion so as to allow said connecting member of said
6 holding portion to be one-piece with said forward portion
7 of an associated segment member of said pair of segment
8 members of said holding portion.

1 40. (original) The holster as defined in claim 38, wherein
2 said connecting member of said holding portion is
3 inverted U-shaped.

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1 41. (original) The holster as defined in claim 38, wherein
2 the head of the hammer has a claw;
3 wherein the head of the hammer has a bell/poll;
4 wherein said pair of segment members of said holding
5 portion and said connecting member of said holding
6 portion form a cradle; and
7 wherein said cradle of said holding portion is for
8 replaceably cradling the head of the hammer therein, with
9 the handle of the hammer extending upwardly therefrom,
10 with the claw of the hammer extending replaceably through
11 one segment member of said pair of segment members of
12 said holding portion, and with the bell/poll of the
13 hammer extending replaceably through the other segment
14 member of said pair of segment members of said holding
15 portion.

1 42. (original) The holster as defined in claim 41, wherein
2 said holding portion comprises a cross member; and
3 wherein said cross member of said holding portion extends
4 horizontally from said forwardmost end of one segment
5 member of said pair of members of said holding portion
6 to said forwardmost end of the other segment member of
7 said pair of segment members of said holding portion.

1 43. (original) The holster as defined in claim 42, wherein
2 the head of the hammer has a cheek;
3 wherein said cross member of said holding portion is
4 flat;

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5 wherein said cross member of said holding portion is
6 elongated; and
7 wherein said cross member of said holding portion is for
8 abutting against the cheek of the head of the hammer and
9 urging the head of the hammer against said rear portion
10 of each segment member of said pair of segment members
11 of said holding portion so as to replaceably maintain the
12 head of the hammer in said cradle of said holding
13 portion.

1 44. (original) The holster as defined in claim 13, wherein
2 said holding member comprises a catch;
3 wherein said catch of said holding member is generally
4 U-shaped;
5 wherein said catch of said holding member extends
6 forwardly from said upper portion of each extension
7 member of said pair of extension members of said
8 attaching portion;
9 wherein said catch of said holding member extends just
10 below said upper loop of each extension member of said
11 pair of extension members of said attaching portion; and
12 wherein said catch of said holding member is for
13 replaceably capturing the handle of the hammer therein.

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